Indefinite Pronoun Rules & Examples

These are always Singular:

anyone, anything, everyone, everything, someone, anybody, somebody, nobody, nothing, each, one, either, neither

Example: Nothing is more important than being honest.

These are always Plural:

both, few, many, others, several

Example: Few are willing to sacrifice for others.

These can be Singular or Plural, depending on the object of the preposition:

all, any, more, most, some, none

Examples: Some of the money is missing. (Singular)

Some of the children are riding the bus. (Plural)

When using Either/or or Neither/nor, the verb must agree with the noun closest to the verb in the sentence.

Examples: Either my mother or my sisters are staying tonight.

(sisters = plural = are)

Neither my sisters nor my mother is staying tonight.

(mother = singular = is)